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OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)								
	AO	Microfilm of the specification and drawings annexed to the request of Japanese Utility Model Application No. 125767/1984 (Laid-open No. 39556/1986) (Kiyoshi UEMATSU), March 12, 1986, Pages 2-3.						
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